

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19, 21-31, 33 and 34 are now present in the application. Claims 1, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 32 and 35 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 16 and hereby cancelled. Claims 1 and 16 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 32 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claims 32 and 35, as discussed hereinbelow.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19, 21-31, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Janke, U.S. Patent No. 4,924,680, in view of O'Conner, U.S. Patent No. 3,252,292. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

As mentioned, independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended to respectively include the subject matter of dependent claims 32 and 35, which were indicated by the Examiner as

including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1 and 16 and their dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Cheng-Kang (Greg) Hsu, Registration No. 61,007 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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